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 ((LIBYAN-MALTESE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON CHAIRMAN MU'AMMAR
 AL-QADHAFI'S VISIT TO MALTA))

((TEXT)) IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION BY PRESIDENT ANTHONY
 MAMO OF MALTA, BROTHER COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI, CHAIRMAN OF THE
 LAR REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE
 MALTESE REPUBLIC FROM 22 TO 24 JUMADA AL AWWAL 1396, HEGIRA,
 CORRESPONDING TO 21 TO 23 MAY 1976.

THE BROTHER COLONEL AND THE DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING HIM
 WERE ACCORDED A WARM OFFICIAL AND POPULAR WELCOME DURING
 WHICH THE MALTESE PEOPLE EXPRESSED THEIR ADMIRATION FOR THE
 GREAT 1 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION AND ITS LEADER, MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI,
 AND THEIR PRIDE IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND RACIAL PROXIMITY AND
 CONTINUING RELATIONS THAT BIND THE ARAB NATIONS TO THE FRIENDLY
 PEOPLE OF MALTA AS WELL AS THE DISTINGUISHED RELATIONS BETWEEN
 THE LIBYAN ARAB PEOPLE AND THE MALTESE PEOPLE.

AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE ADMIRATION OF THE MALTESE PEOPLE,
 GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT FOR THE LEADER OF THE GREAT 1 SEPTEMBER
 REVOLUTION, THE BROTHER COLONEL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE REPUBLIC'S
 FIRST MEDAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE MALTESE REPUBLIC,
 ITS PEOPLE, AND ITS GOVERNMENT.

DURING THE VISIT, BROTHER COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI HELD
 SEVERAL POPULAR MEETINGS.

((WORDS INDISTINCT)) BROTHER COLONEL AL-QADHAFI HELD TALKS
 WITH THE MALTESE PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF WHICH DEALT WITH
 BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CURRENT ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL
 ISSUES.

THE LEADER OF THE GREAT 1 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION AND THE
 MALTESE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE
 GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY
 COUNTRIES AND THEIR CONCERN IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS AND
 CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF DOMINATION AND
 HEGEMONY.

AT THE MEETING BROTHER COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI EXPRESSED
 THE LAR'S READINESS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MALTESE REPUBLIC

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IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ITS ECONOMIC ((WORD INDISTINCT)) AND STRENGTHEN ITS POLITICAL NEUTRALITY. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR JOINT EFFORTS TO KEEP INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AWAY FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND TO TURN THE MEDITERRANEAN INTO A SEA OF SECURITY AND PEACE IN THE INTEREST OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

THE TWO SIDES STUDIED THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE ARAB AREA RESULTING FROM THE ZIONIST, COLONIALIST, RACIST AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE ARAB NATION, AND AFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND TO ACHIEVE THEIR NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS.

COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI AND PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, WHICH IS WAGING A LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) AND THE RACIST REGIMES ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) TO ELIMINATE THESE REGIMES. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO CREATE A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM TAKING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL FACTORS REPRESENTED IN THE EMERGENCE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AS A (?NEW) ECONOMIC POWER INTO CONSIDERATION.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR COUNTRIES' ADHERENCE TO THE POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND NONALINEMENT AND THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION ((WORD INDISTINCT)), ASSERTING THE NEED TO AMEND THE UN CHARTER IN ORDER TO REALIZE EQUALITY BETWEEN STATES IN THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND (?MONETARY) ((WORDS INDISTINCT))

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT OF NONALIGNED STATES IN KUALA LUMPUR IN AUGUST 1976, THE TWO SIDES EXPRESS THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE AND FOR BRINGING ABOUT ITS SUCCESS.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE AT THE POSITIVE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THIS VISIT IN THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND OTHER FIELDS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE AMICABLE AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF EXPRESSED THE THANKS OF THE MALTESE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT FOR THE SUSTAINED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT WHICH THE LAR GIVES TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.

REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI EXPRESSED HIS THANKS AND THAT OF HIS DELEGATION FOR THE WARM POPULAR AND OFFICIAL WELCOME ACCORDED THEM DURING THE VISIT.

BROTHER COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF TO VISIT THE LAR. THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH THANKS. THE DATE OF THE VISIT IS TO BE FIXED AT A SUITABLE TIME. 232315 CARLONE/MC 24/0212Z MAY

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